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Ball. Buster

▶ Cables sway in the wind, inset, after a wrecking ball, working to demolish a 106-year-old building at the Misericordia Hospital, snapped and got stuck in the wreckage, halting wrok. Demolition, part of a $43 million redevelopment at the aging facility, will continue for several weeks.

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Demolition proves a hard cross to bear

Auditor General sounds alarm

- Report details problems with child welfare agencies, MPI, food inspections, among others
- Premier promises to address shortcomings

Manitoba's auditor general says some of the province's foster homes are not being reviewed consistently and the central child welfare database is inaccurate.

The problems continue to exist despite being raised years ago, Carol Bellringer writes in a wide-ranging report that also highlights problems with food inspection, automobile insurance and government appointments.

"Similar issues were reported in our 2006 report ... and we would have expected these areas to have been remedied within (child welfare) agencies," Bellringer wrote in the report released Wednesday.

Bellringer's office examined Animikii Ozoson Child and Family Services Agency, which serves aboriginal children in Winnipeg. The review found 22 of 62 foster home licences under the agency's purview were expired.

When the auditor's office delved into 10 foster home files, it found half had not received quarterly visits by social workers as required under provincial standards. The review also found the agency hadn't provided up-to-date information to the province's central registry for children in care.

The auditor also examined the way the province fills more than 1,200 appointed positions to provincial boards, agencies and commissions. She found that one in five appointees had been in their position for more than 10 years. Bellringer suggested there be term limits to allow other members of the public to participate.

The audit also found that one in four appointees was serving a term that had expired.

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A dispute over buggy safety has made scofflaws of Kentucky's Amish, and some could face jail time. Scan the code for the story

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Be careful around new Transitway

The City of Winnipeg is asking Winnipeggers to keep away from the newly constructed Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor Transitway and to be careful at intersections along the corridor.

Winnipeg Transit is currently training drivers on the corridor, which is now active with test buses reaching speeds of 80 km/h.

Transit began driver training on the new 3.6 km corridor — which spans from Queen Elizabeth Way and Stradbrook Avenue to Pembina Highway and Jubilee Avenue — in mid December last year.

The corridor is scheduled to officially open on April 8.

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ELISHA DACEY/METRO

▶ Ellice Avenue and Berry Street

A fender bender kind of morning

There appeared to be no major injuries in a crash at the corner of Ellice Avenue and Berry Street at about 8 a.m. Wednesday, where one silver vehicle was spun up onto the grass and snow, losing its front bumper in the process. ELISHA DACEY

House. Fire

▶ Firefighters quickly put out a fire that broke out in an East Elmwood townhouse early Wednesday morning.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Townhouse blaze doused in East Elmwood

Emergency crews were called to the fire in an upstairs room of a two-level townhouse in the 300 block of Keenleyside Street shortly before 8:30 a.m. Crews had the fire controlled and were seen leaving the scene within 45 minutes. There were no injuries reported and a damage estimate was not immediately available.

Wife of Keystone Air crash survivor 'very relieved'

- Fire wouldn't go out since snow was saturated with fuel
- Airline to provide grief counseling for victim's families

Residents of a northern Ontario reserve where a plane crashed into a lake Tuesday frantically tried to douse the flaming wreckage with snow but couldn't save four of the people trapped inside.

Darcy Keesick of the North Spirit Lake First Nation was one of the people who rushed to the crash.

He said it happened during a blinding snowstorm.

"You couldn't see across the lake," he said.

As word spread about what happened, Keesick was one of many who fought through deep snow on foot to get to the scene to help.

People tried to put the flames out with snow while others gouged a hole in the lake to try to pump water onto the burning plane, he said.

One person survived and was transported to a Winnipeg hospital where he was listed in stable condition.

Tracy Shead was in shock when she heard about the crash.

Her husband, Brian Shead, 36, works for Aboriginal Strategies Inc., an administrative service for First Nations based in Winnipeg.

She told CTV Winnipeg that at first, it was believed he had died. But then Shead got the news that her husband was the lone survivor.

She said she was told her husband has a fractured face and ankle and a doctor with him told her his vital signs were good and he was awake.

"Relieved, very, very relieved and I can't wait to see him," Shead said.

Condolences poured in from neighbouring reserves.

Grand Chief Stan Beardy, head of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation in northern Ontario, said thoughts and prayers were going out to all who were grappling with "this sudden and very terrible tragedy."

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Youth charged in violent robbery

A 14-year-old male youth is facing a number of charges in connection to a violent robbery in the North End on Tuesday afternoon.

The incident happened near the corner of Selkirk Avenue and Andrews Street at about 12:55 Tuesday when the 19-year-old victim was approached by a male suspect who requested a cigarette.

When refused, the suspect produced a large knife and assaulted the victim in the upper body.

20 The teenage suspect was arrested by police at a home near the corner of Flora Avenue and Powers Street within 20 minutes of the attack.

The suspect then stole a package of cigarettes before being chased off by a witness. Police would not confirm witness reports that a machete was used in the attack. SHANE GIBSON

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▶ Police at a home on Flora Avenue.

News in brief

Trucker killed in crash

A Winnipeg trucker has been identified as the man killed when several semi-trailers collided in icy conditions on the Coquihalla Highway in B.C.'s southern interior. Regional Coroner Mark Coleman says 44-year-old Dilbara Singh was driving one of the first big rigs to be involved in the pile-up.

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Four face guns, drug charges

Four men are facing charges after police found drugs and firearms at a home in the 100 block of Lorne Avenue. Police executed a search warrant at the residence just after midnight on Wednesday. SHANE GIBSON

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Motorbike assassins strike

As they speed by, they attach a magnetic bomb to top Iranian nuclear scientist's car ◐ He and his driver are killed, a pedestrian wounded ◐ Defiant Iran warns: 'We will continue our (nuclear) path'

FARS NEWS AGENCY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Magnetic-bomb aftermath: A car is removed by mobile crane in Tehran on Wednesday in this photo provided by Iran's semi-official Fars News Agency.

It seemed a clockwork killing.

Motorcycle riders flashed by and attached a magnetic bomb onto a car carrying a top nuclear scientist working at Iran's main uranium-enrichment facility.

By the time the blast tore apart the silver Peugeot, the motorcycle was blocks away, weaving through Tehran traffic.

Behind it, the nuclear scientist lay dead and his driver dying. A pedestrian was wounded.

It was the latest strike in what Iran calls an escalating covert war — at least the fourth targeted hit against a member of Iran's nuclear brain trust in two years.

Wednesday's blast killed Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, 32, a chemistry expert and a director of the Natanz uranium-enrichment facility, the centrepiece of Iran's expanding program to make nuclear fuel.

"A heinous act," said Iran's Atomic Energy Organization.

But it warned defiantly: "We will continue our (nuclear) path without any doubt … Our path is irreversible."

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U.S. denies it

▶ The United States insisted it had nothing to do with Wednesday's killing.

- "I want to categorically deny any United States involvement in any kind of act of violence inside Iran," said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, left.
- "We believe there has to be an understanding between Iran, its neighbours and the international community that finds a way forward for it to end its provocative behaviour."

Israel hints at 'bad things'

Whodunnit? Iran pointed the finger at Israel for the bomb assassination.

Israeli officials, however, hinted at covert campaigns without directly admitting involvement.

"Many bad things have been happening to Iran in the recent period," said Mickey Segal, a former director of the Israeli military's Iranian intelligence department. "Iran is in a situation where pressure on it is mounting, and the latest assassination joins the pressure."

"I don't know who settled the score with the Iranian scientist but I certainly am not shedding a tear."
ISRAEL'S CHIEF MILITARY SPOKESPERSON BRIG. GEN. YOAV MORDECHAI

Israeli military chief Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz was quoted as telling a parliamentary panel that 2012 would be a "critical year" for Iran — in part because of "things that happen to it unnaturally."

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GATEWAY PIPELINE

Supporter appears before hearing

Environmental hearings into the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline heard from the first supporter Wednesday, but Peter King says he almost stayed home.

King, a steam fitter who has lived in Kitimat, located about 1,500 kilometres northwest of Vancouver, for 53 years, said he realized he was a "lone voice" after passionate denunciations of the development voiced Tuesday by area aboriginal leaders.

The chiefs say the project points a double-barrelled environmental threat at their homes and lifestyles.

The opposition "gave me pause that perhaps I should stay home, but I committed to this, so I proceeded with it," said King.

His presentation to the National Energy Board panel, which is conducting environmental review hearings across B.C. and Alberta for at least the next 18 months and perhaps more, did not generate any public reaction even though most people in the audience do not support the project.

Enbridge Inc., plans to build a twin pipeline from Alberta to northwest B.C. where it will send oil to a port at Kitimat, where huge tanker ships will transport it to Asian markets.

The municipality of Kitimat is about 10 kilometres north of the Haisla village of Kitamaat.

Enbridge says the $5.5 billion pipeline project has the potential to generate $270 billion to the Canadian economy.

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Harper to travel to China next month

Stephen Harper will pay a return visit to China in February.

The prime minister announced his travel plans Wednesday before a meeting with Zhang Junsai, China's ambassador to Canada. He will travel to China in the second week of February.

"Canada and China enjoy a strategic partnership based on mutual respect and collaboration and rooted in strong social and cultural links, shared by over one million Canadians of Chinese descent," Harper said in a statement.

Energy is expected to dominate discussion between Harper and China's communist leaders

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Investment

- **After arriving in Beijing** in 2009, Harper was chided by his hosts for taking too long to visit China after coming to power in 2006.
- **China has since invested** billions of dollars into energy projects in Alberta's oilsands, while the Tories have worked hard to repair relations and boost trade with the Asian economic power.

List of wanted immigrants released

The federal government is continuing its controversial practice of publicizing the names and faces of most-wanted dangerous immigrants in the hope Canadians will help track them down.

The government added another 30 names to its Canada Border Services Agency watch-list Wednesday in the hope of expelling these people from the country.

The new list was the third released by the government since last July; those being pursued this time are alleged to have ties to organized crime abroad. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Helping. Haiti

▶ A youth walks around an earthquake-damaged cathedral in Port-au-Prince this week.

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Canada to assist in relocation

Beverley Oda, Canada's minister of international co-operation, says her government will help Haiti move people who have been camped outside the National Palace since the 2010 earthquake. Oda said Canada was proud to be able to help clear the Champ de Mars plaza and move people to homes north of the capital.

Genocide accused stays despite deportation order

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Leon Mugesera is accused of inciting the Rwandan genocide.

UN to investigate claims that he will be tortured in Rwanda

After nearly two decades in Canada, a man accused of helping to incite the Rwandan genocide may have been granted one more reprieve that would delay deportation back to his homeland.

Leon Mugesera had been ordered to be deported early Wednesday when a Federal Court ruled against his last-ditch effort to stay in Canada, his home for the last 19 years.

But a pair of other developments, later in the day, complicated matters.

Mugesera's lawyer announced the United Nations Committee Against Torture has ordered Canada to keep him here while it investigates his claims he'd be tortured in Rwanda.

"Our fair legal system has determined that he is here illegally, he's guilty of serious war crimes and that he has to face justice in his country of origin."

JASON KENNEY
IMMIGRATION MINISTER

Meanwhile, Mugesera was brought to hospital to be treated for an unspecified health issue. Television images showed him being carried out of his Quebec City home, laid out on a stretcher. His lawyer, Johanne Doyon, said the man fell ill amid news about his case. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Tooba Yahya

Shafia mom suggests son witnessed deaths

A woman accused of killing her three daughters and her husband's other wife over family honour indicated Wednesday she believes her eldest son witnessed the four plunging to their certain deaths, but didn't call police.

For this, Tooba Yahya said, she is "upset" with her son.

Yahya, 42, her husband Mohammad Shafia, 58, and their son Hamed, 21, are on trial in Kingston, Ont., charged with murder in the deaths of Hamed's three sisters and Shafia's first wife in a polygamous marriage. The Crown alleges the June 30, 2009, deaths were so-called honour killings, and that the family staged it to look like an accident.

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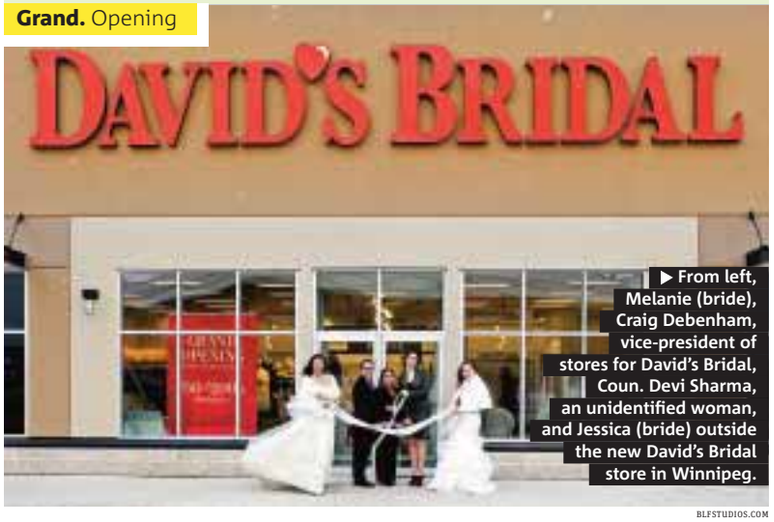
Grand. Opening



▶ From left, Melanie (bride), Craig Debenham, vice-president of stores for David's Bridal, Coun. Devi Sharma, an unidentified woman, and Jessica (bride) outside the new David's Bridal store in Winnipeg.

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Making a bride's dreams come true

David's Bridal vows to wow Winnipeg with its new store location in Kenaston Common, the third store for the popular American bridal chain.

Iberia pilots strike again

Spanish airline Iberia says it cancelled 104 flights during a one-day strike by pilots in an ongoing protest against the planned new budget carrier. Most of the flights for an estimated 10,000 passengers were rescheduled.

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Prairies lead economic pack

Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton top report's forecast

Cities in Western Canada will lead in growth and prosperity over the next couple of years, according to an outlook released Wednesday by the Conference Board of Canada.

Western cities are benefitting from resource riches and attracting migrants, boding well for housing and consumer spending. Edmonton created almost 40,000 new jobs last year alone, the think-tank says.

Central Canadian cities won't do nearly as well with manufacturing continuing to struggle amid the global slowdown, and government cutbacks weighing on growth domestically.

At the bottom is St. John's as Newfoundland and Labrador's waning offshore oil production ripples through the economy.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. WEDNESDAY

TSX	Dollar
- 9.71 (12,260.94)	- 0.22¢ (98.11¢ US)

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Over the years, I've grown accustomed to adoring fans complimenting my writing.

"I saw your picture in the paper," they'll say. Or: "You look familiar, do you work at my Starbucks?"

With compliments like that, it's amazing my headshot doesn't swell right out of the frame.

But years of headshot viewers acknowledging my existence have left me wanting more, and now I dream of getting a book published, so I can hear compliments like, "I saw your picture on a dust cover."

"The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband."

But before I can reach such wuthering heights, I have to first — and this is true of many authors — actually write a book.

So far, it's been a great success. I've writhed around in my chair, stared at the cursor, cursed, thought about my shortcomings, had a bit to drink. In other words, I'm tortured. As far as I understand it, this is an excellent first step.

I've also read a lot about how to write a book. So that I might create more competition and therefore torture myself further, here's what I've learned.

WRITING A BOOK

Choose an idea: Most coffee-shop patrons, first-year university students and other leading philosophers agree there are no new ideas. So it's OK to steal one. Ripping off one author is called an "homage." Ripping off multiple authors and mashing them together is called "finding your own voice."

Choose characters: The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband. To protect yourself from legal issues, make sure the character wears a hat they don't wear in real life. Then say, "The character is actually a pastiche of many people I've met in my travels."

Choose a plot: Start with a first line that grabs readers, such as, "This book is covered in anthrax spores, sucker!" If stuck for an ending, walk away for a bit. Then quit and call it "first in a series." You'll get great buzz.

Choose an agent: This person will give you added legitimacy as a writer by making you poorer.

Choose a cover: This is the step by which everyone will judge your book. I recommend you seek out glowing quotations from friends who share names with famous people. If your dentist is Milan Kudera or the kid who mows your lawn is V.S. Naipaul, you're good to go.

With these tips, you'll have a completed tome in no time. If it goes well, let me know. I may pay homage to it.

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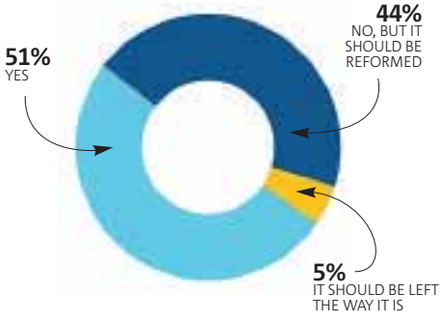

Local tweets

@rochelledz: your telling me that I need to use my command start in the middle of january in winnipeg? that's absurd. #thoughtwelivedinthetropics

@hchid: While I hate the cold #Winnipeg weather, today is the first day I can put my brand new remote car starter to good use. #conflicted

@mistydemeo: Temperature dropped by 15 degrees overnight. Yay Winnipeg. (That's 35 degrees for you Americans.)

@meaganbotelho: And this is the winnipeg we all love to hate, welcome back. #buurrr #staywarm

@ProgressiveWPG: Dear FB "friend", perhaps your relationship failed b/c you were as cryptic and brooding in person as you are in your status updates. #GiveUp

@OneFunnyBastard: My dad thinks I have multiple personality disorder. I am pissed that he thinks that about us

@SiStinky Silas: I #HATE it when I open my kinder surprise and my toys is a puzzle.

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Will and Kate reveal royal gifts

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Duke and Duchess of Cambridge say thank you

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge laugh as they receive Team Canada hockey jerseys in Yellowknife on July 5.

Clarence House, the official website for the Prince of Wales, his sons and Kate, has released the list of all the gifts the royal couple collected in their cross-Canada tour with one- or two-word descriptions. Among them are a diamond-encrusted brooch and cufflinks.

This has incensed the British tabloids, who smell a cover-up in the website's describing the widely reported custom-made platinum baubles encrusted with nearly 700 tiny diamonds from Canadian mines as, simply, a "brooch" and "cufflinks."

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Rock solid

Celebrity jeweller Harry Winston crafted this 692-diamond set of polar bear cufflinks and brooch from diamonds from the Diavik Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories, owned 40 per cent by the Harry Winston Diamond Corp. They were given to the royal couple during their Canadian visit.

Harry Winston donated the diamonds and the workmanship, said a spokeswoman for the Northwest Territories government.

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HANDOUT

▶ Mark McKinney and Jesse Camacho on set for season three of Less Than Kind.

A Less Than Kind return

Loss of cast member Maury Chaykin weighs heavy as Winnipeg-based drama returns to air

BACKSTAGE PASS

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The show must go on. Season three of Less Than Kind premieres Sunday at 8 p.m. on HBO Canada.

Shot and set in Winnipeg, the comedy-drama series about a dysfunctional Jewish family continues despite the loss of cast member Maury Chaykin (Sam Blecher), who died on his 61st birthday, from complications of a heart valve infection.

"We were pretty far down the road (in the writing process) when Maury passed away suddenly," says executive producer Mark McKinney, one fifth of the comedy troupe The Kids in the Hall.

"He had got sick at the beginning of the second season and we had to turf those scripts as well, but he was on the mend so it came really out of the blue. Fortunately the network was extraordinary and gave us some more time and more money to stick around and conceive of a way of making Sam's passing happen to the Blecher family."

The first two episodes of season three — available for streaming at hbocanada.com — deal with the loss of the Blecher family's patriarch. Jesse Camacho, who plays Sheldon Blecher, a chunky high school kid always finds himself with countless obstacles, says the tears came easy.

"Those scenes, the funeral shiva stuff, it was some the easiest acting we've had to do," says the 20-year-old Montreal-based actor.

"I mean it was still challenging, it was an emotional day and you've only got so much emotion in you, but those scenes were so different because Maury was such a presence on set and that presence was still felt, just not physically."

In life and in death, it's obvious Chaykin had a major impact on Less Than Kind's cast and crew.

"Maury wasn't one to spoon-feed a lesson but in the way he handled himself in scenes and on set was itself a lesson," Camacho says.

Join McKinney and Winnipeg Comedy Festival artistic director Al Rae tonight at the Winnipeg Art Gallery for a benefit in support of Less Than Kind cast member Mike O'Brien, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

The show features a screening of the first two episodes of season three, plus a musical performance by locals Keith & Renée.

Tickets are $30 at Buffalo Gal Pictures (33-70 Arthur St.) or you can donate via PayPal at buffalogalpictures.com/mikeobrien

Ambassador for living the fab life

Skinny French chicks and roly-poly straight men. Lesbian chic and the chaotic state of style. Nothing and nobody escapes the gaydar of the Simon Doonan in his new book, Gay Men Don't Get Fat. The diminutive Doonan was creative director at Barneys for 25 years. After a shake-up at the retailer, he's now creative ambassador-at-large.

You say the intended audience is straight women.

Do straight women need educating?

I want to liberate the women of the world and teach them to live with the stylish bravado of we gays — and wee gays like me. Being a woman has become so complicated and pressurized. I want to make it easier, or maybe just more creative. Fashion and style should be about personal expression.

Do you really fly coach?

I'm not part of the one per cent. I'm a hardworking gay who is proud to fly coach, but only on short flights. I also ride the subway, and not in a Marie Antoinette kind of way. It really is the easiest way to get around.

You used to do the windows at Barneys. Do you miss that?

I dressed windows for almost 40 years. When I finally put down the glue gun last year it was something of a relief. However, I would highly recommend a career in window display to any budding fashionista.

How would you define your approach to clothes and life?

I'm a charismatic deviant with a freaky world view. I'm determined to extract all the nuggets and nuances from my fabulous gay life and hurl them at the general population with tremendous force and gusto.

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2 scene

Shatner

William Shatner will star in a one-man show called Shatner's World: We Just Live in It. Previews begin Feb. 14 and it runs at the Music Box Theatre until Mar. 4. Shatner was last on Broadway in A Shot in the Dark" in 1961. The former T.J. Hooker star won an Emmy for his work on Boston Legal.

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Stage and screen legends Peterson, Plummer up for ACTRA acting prizes

Is Khloe really a Kardashian?

Report claims that Kardashian patriarch had doubts she was his daughter

THE WORD

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When one gazes at the Kardashian sisters (as we often do, since they are more omnipresent than Starbucks), do you ever think, "Hmmmm ... Which of these things is not like the other?"

If you, too, think Khloe Kardashian doesn't resemble her famous sisters, you aren't the only one — Kris Jenner has had to squelch rumours of her paternity for years. But now Robert Kardashian's ex-wife and widow have come forward in a Star magazine exclusive in which they both claim that the late Kardashian expressed his doubts that he was indeed the father of Khloe.

"Khloe is not his kid — he told me that after we got married," Jan Ashley, 63, the woman who married Robert after Kris Jenner, revealed to Star.

"He just kind of looked at me and said (it) like it was a matter of fact. He said, 'Well, you know that Khloe's not really a Kardashian, don't you?' And I said ... 'OK,' and that was it."

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▶ Khloe Kardashian

But that's not all. Ellen Kardashian, 63, who married Robert in 2003 just two months before his death, says she has her doubts as well.

"Khloe brought it up all the time," Ellen told Star.

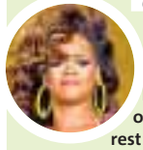
"She looked nothing like the rest. She was tall, had a different shape, light hair, curly hair. Didn't look anything like the other three children."

Whatever you do, Khloe, never, ever take a DNA test. For now, you get the best of both worlds: A cut of the Kardashian empire without having to be biologically related to them.

Celebrity tweets

@charliesheen
today spent w/ brilliant cosmetic dentist Dr Kevin Sands! the grill now perfect for Fiat, DirectTV & Anger Managment!

@JessicaSimpson
New goal: look like @jessicaalba after baby. Job well done lady!



@rihanna
Waited all yr+Finally I have time off, time 4 rest n quiet. Suddenly all the silence is being drowned by my thoughts! No sleep

@SteveMartinToGo
The more I think about it, „Lo and behold‰ would be great in rap vernacular. Going to make some calls.

Halle Berry is off the market

Halle Berry

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez are reportedly engaged, according to Us Weekly.

Berry, who has been married twice before, "had given up on being married, but she trusts Olivier," a source says.

"He makes her feel safe. He's a keeper."

Martinez reportedly popped the question over the holidays with an emerald-and-diamond engagement ring. The pair met in 2010 as co-stars on the film Dark Tide and started dating soon after.

Berry was previously married to baseball player David Justice and singer Eric Benet, and she has a three-year-old daughter, Nahla, with ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry.

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

Bad week gets worse for Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan isn't having a great week.

First off, the IRS has reportedly obtained a lien against Lohan for $93,701.57 for failure to pay her federal income tax for 2009, according to TMZ.

And now the troubled actress is being sued by a paparazzo who claims he was injured while being struck by Lohan's car while she was leaving a club in 2010, according to Hollyscoop.

Lohan wasn't driving the car, but Balyan's lawyer, Neil Steiner, claims she's still at fault because the driver was operating under her instruction.

Steiner says they tried to settle with Lohan's insurance company, which made "an insignificant offer."

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A fierce start
to the new year

Wildlife-inspired prints have become a second skin to trend trackers who can't get enough of their zebra minis and leopard coats We've picked out our favourite ferocious accessories to complement the most somber of outfits

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$225, hoh1960.com

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calf-hair shoes, $188,
my-wardrobe.com

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'Alex' lion-paw pumps
$4,000, christianlouboutin.fr

4 MULBERRY
fox gloves
$180, mulberry.com

5 UNDERGROUND
suede double creepers, $170,
asos.com

6 EMMA FRANKLIN
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Upcycling goes upscale

Leave your furnishing updates to the pros this year

Most savvy home dwellers like to take on DIY projects. But spending an entire weekend working on a project that doesn't turn out can be frustrating — and a waste of time and money.

This year, invest in your furnishings by spending money on a professional to do the job right for you.

REUPHOLSTERING:
Got a classic-shaped upholstered piece that needs to take on a fresh look?

Trying to slipcover or reupholster it yourself is a daunting task — even for those who have sewing skills. So why not take it to an upholsterer?

Choose neutral-coloured linen or flannel fabrics to help give your furnishings a classic look and longevity.

If buying retro furnishings, do some research as to how the fabric (or leather) will wear. Go for lovely colours that are updated to today's neutrals.

Cost to have a chair reupholstered; $350-1000, depending on your fabric choice.

REFINISHING:
Changing the stain colour of wooden furniture can help update it and give it a new look.

Stain colours have a fashionable life (reddish mahogany was big in the '80s; yellow pine in the '70s).

Choose dark walnut stain colours to add sophistication to a golden oak or pecan-stained wood pieces.

Take it to a furniture refinisher (or look for budget options like refinishing schools) to get the look right.

Ask for a 'buffed wax' finish rather then the super-shiny shellac to make it look much classier.

Cost of having a dresser refinished: $200-750, depending on the type of finish you'd like.

Re-framing

Nothing helps bring tired artwork up-to-date more than reframing.

- **Replacing** a cheap plastic gold frame with a flat, dark wood frame will modernize any piece of art and bring it into the next decade.
- **Tip:** You rarely take away the value of your art by reframing it. Also, by adding a more modern esthetic to your art, you gain a new appreciation for it.
- **Cost** of having a 24 x 24-inch painting framed: $75-400, depending on the style of the frame.

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Weekly Cookbook

Salad Days: Recipes for Delicious Organic Salads and Dressings for Every Season by Pam Powell offers 60 colour photos, quaint illustrations, a salad basics chapter, and a resource guide to complement a fantastic collection of salad and dressing recipes.

Recipes include: Apple and Roasted Beet Salad with Fruit, Nuts, Gorgonzola, and Watercress; Pecan-Crusted Goat Cheese and Micro Greens with Crisp Apple Maple-Brushed Crostini; and more.

A look ahead to salad days

While hearty stews simmer on the stove, we're anticipating the refreshing salads of spring
Get yourself in the mood with Toasted Quinoa & Asparagus Salad and Parmesan Salad Cups

While often seen as a morning food, grapefruits are finding new life away from the breakfast table. With some creativity, this healthy fruit can add zest to lunches and dinners. Try adding sliced Florida grapefruit to a salad or stir-fry.

Another way to include fruit into your afternoon and evening recipes is to use Florida orange juice, which finds new life in tangy salad dressing or in marinades for chicken or fish. Florida orange juice can also be used in tandem with other nutrition-rich foods to create the ultimate healthy meal.

Quinoa, a gluten-free grain that is high in magnesium, is landing on healthiest food lists everywhere. This quinoa and asparagus salad can be topped with meat or additional veggies.

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The recipe serves six.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 mL) quinoa, rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) Florida orange juice
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped fresh asparagus
- 1 small orange bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) fresh basil
- Salt and black pepper

Toasted Quinoa and Asparagus Salad Preparation:

1. In nonstick skillet heat oil over medium heat and cook onions and garlic 3 mins. or until softened and fragrant. Add quinoa and toast, stirring for 3 mins. or until fragrant and beginning to pop. Add orange juice and bring to boil. Cover and reduce heat to low; simmer 15 mins.
2. Stir in asparagus and pepper; cover and cook 10 mins or until liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat; let stand 5 mins. Using fork, fluff quinoa and place in large bowl. Let cool slightly and stir in basil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

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Parmesan Salad Cups

These delicate Parmesan cups are a perfect way to serve mini portions of caesar salad, or any other salad that you enjoy, and they're easy to make.

Preparation:

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Make 6 mounds (each 75 ml/1/3 cup) of the Parmesan cheese 10 cm (4 inches) apart on the baking sheet. Gently spread cheese into very thin circles.
2. Bake in 180 C (350 F) oven for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and turns into a crispy light golden crust. Do not overcook as they will become bitter.
3. Remove from oven and let cool for 1 minute. Carefully remove crisps with a thin metal spatula and place on paper towels to absorb grease. While still warm, place rounds into 15-cm (6-inch) ramekins or over an inverted water glass to form cups. Remove when completely cool. Fill with salad.

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Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

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The recipe makes six cups.

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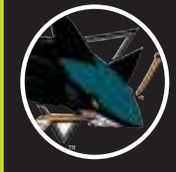

The Jets (20-17-5) return home to face San Jose (23-11-5). The Sharks have won seven of their last 10. Patrick Marleau had a goal and an assist in a 5-4 overtime loss to Minnesota on Tuesday, giving him nine points as part of a six-game point streak. Defenceman Dan Boyle has a goal and five assists in his last two games. Colin White (lower body) has been placed on injured reserve after missing six games. Jim Vandermeer (hand) could return soon after missing 15 games.
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Why keep Kane off the ice?

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▶ Jets coach Claude Noel and forward Evander Kane, right, are seen during a game last month.

It's good to have a coach who will challenge his players and take away their ice time when he feels they have slipped into a lackadaisical state. Sometimes even the best player needs a kick in the rear end to bring him back to reality. Not every coach would manage his players that way, but the tactic is an inspiring one.

However, I'm not sure the time to play that card is in a game against the defending Stanley Cup champions when your team is looking to pull back up to .500 on the month. In Tuesday's game against the Boston Bruins, Jets coach Claude Noel sat Evander Kane for a good chunk of the first and second periods, before finally giving him his ice back in the third.

Keep in mind the Jets are coming off a fantastic December that saw them turn heads around the league. Winnipeg lost its first two contests in 2012 against Eastern rivals Toronto and Montreal before narrowly slipping by Buffalo in a shootout. You'd think they'd be dying to pick up a win against Boston, not only because it's a tremendous test, but also because it would prevent them from slipping into any perceivable valley on the schedule.

With a game against San Jose Thursday night, the Jets have a difficult stretch this week. If there was any message Noel thought needed to be sent to his star pupil, it might have been better to do it next week against New Jersey, or possibly on the road against Ottawa — provided he came out weak.

I understand Noel made the decision because Kane had a poor start to the game. Fine. But your best players shouldn't need a kick in the pants to get going against the league's champions. You win and lose with your best and the Jets sure could have used Kane's offensive spark in the 5-3 loss.

On the flip side, it's not completely without reason. When Kane returned to full playing time in the third, he would have had the freshest legs going. Of course, he was so far removed from that game already it would have been difficult to get back into it again.

To be sure, Noel has done a good job with the former Atlanta Thrashers. The team has a lot going for it and playoff hopes and dreams are in the air. I'm just not sure sitting his top player in a big game was the best decision the coach has made this season.

Comatose skier Burke undergoes surgery

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke remained in an induced coma after suffering a head injury in a crash while training on a superpipe, officials said Wednesday.

The nature of Burke's injuries have not been disclosed.

In a statement released by the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association, a doctor at the University of Utah hospital said Burke "sustained serious injuries and remains intubated and sedated in critical condition."

Chris Nelson, assistant vice-president for public affairs at the hospital, said Burke was having surgery Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Robert Foxford, the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association team doctor, said he has received little information from the medical officials treating Burke.

"That would be standard with people with a significant head injury, that the brain is put to rest, there is an induced coma, and they give them medication to make sure there's almost no brain activity," he said in a conference call.

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▶ Sarah Burke

"Sarah is a very strong young woman and she will most certainly fight to recover."
SARAH BURKE'S HUSBAND RORY BUSHFIELD IN A STATEMENT

Burke's husband, Rory Bushfield, and members of her family were with her.

Burke is a halfpipe pioneer who also lobbied tirelessly to get her sport included in the Winter Olympics. Halfpipe skiing will debut at the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia.

She was airlifted from Park City, Utah, to Salt Lake City after crashing at the end of a training run Tuesday in advance of the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo.

The native of Barrie, Ont., who grew up in nearby Midland before moving to Squamish, B.C., was training with a private group at the time of the accident. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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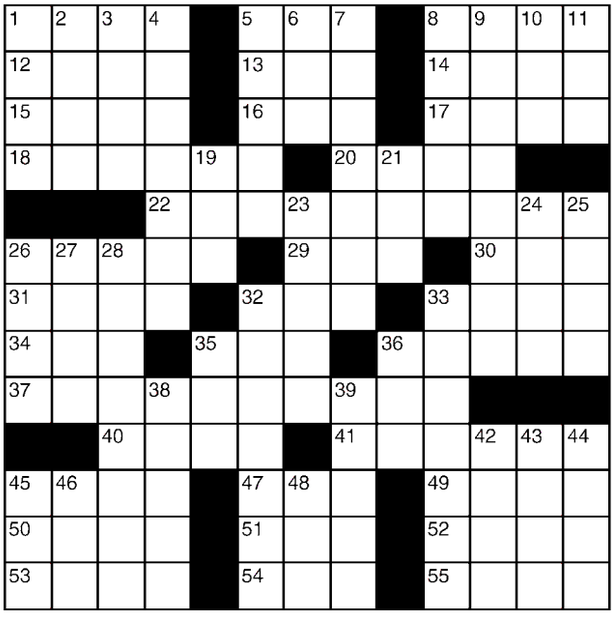

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1 Volcanic spillage
5 Solo of "Star Wars"
8 Bang the door loudly
12 Troop group
13 Inseparable
14 Caffeine-rich nut
15 Swag
16 Twitch
17 Terrible guy?
18 Loosen a sneaker
20 Dandling locale
22 One way to quit
26 Ungainly
29 Cage piece
30 Born
31 Raw minerals
32 "See ya"
33 TV chef Cat
34 Have a bug
35 "Ulalume" writer
36 Croc's cousin
37 Speak frankly
40 Transaction
41 Nerve tissue cell
45 Pic you can click
47 Conk out
49 Unaccompanied
50 Beach matter
51 Geological period
52 Right angles
53 Sandwich cookie
54 Roulette bet
55 Do in

Down

1 Humdinger
2 Any time now
3 String instrument
4 Assaults
5 "Monopoly" building
6 Singer DiFranco
7 Cravat
8 Lindsey Vonn, for one
9 Entwined symbol of affection
10 — carte
11 Fellow
19 Demure
21 Gist
23 Laundromat machine
24 Architect Saarinen
25 Calendar quota
26 Capricorn
27 Met melody
28 "Bravo!"
32 Colorado city
33 Range horses
35 Sch. org.
36 "Gosh!"
38 Japanese fencing
39 Work dough
42 Roster
43 — podrida
44 Inquisi-tive
45 Equal (Pref.)
46 Automobile
48 Rage

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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6								1
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3								6
		9	2		8	7		
2	4						3	8

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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8	6	1	5	9	3	4	2	7
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4	1	3	2	6	7	5	8	9
5	7	6	3	8	9	2	1	4

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treasure, You put up this strong manly exterior, but your eyes show me your in a lot of pain. You speak, but your not speaking with your heart. So next time when you see me take off your disgusie and stop depriving yourself and your heart from what it deserves and speak 2 me from the heart. You too deserve to be happy! P.S I never thought of you as a quitter, more as a fighter.... **ME**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
People come to you with their problems all the time. But at some stage today, you'll have to make it clear that enough is enough.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Ignore work problems until the Sun crosses the career angle of your chart on the Jan. 20.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The Sun in Capricorn at this time of year tends to make life look gray. You have plenty to look forward to.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Go out and enjoy yourself today but watch how much you spend and who you spend it on.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
You may be spontaneous by nature but time spent planning today will not be time wasted.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Look for compromise solutions today. That might not be easy when everyone else seems to be looking for reasons to argue.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
No matter how secure you may feel in your current situation, you can sense that changes are coming.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Don't let anyone get away with saying things about you that are not true today. Stand up for yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Make a point of telling a friend how much he or she means to you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Anyone who thinks you'll give up easily will learn the hard way today that Capricorns aren't quitters.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Just over a week from now, the Sun will move into your birth sign and a new solar year will begin. Conserve your energy, you'll need it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Someone you meet may be fun to be with but don't be foolish and trust him or her with personal information. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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